

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF GEORGE STRYDIO

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor George Strydio for his support and remarkable work in helping others who are living with cancer. Mr. Strydio was honored at the Bayonne Community Mental Health Center's cocktail reception on October 27, 2004, in Bayonne, NJ.

At the age of 67, Mr. Strydio underwent a life-changing experience during a battle with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, a type of cancer. After surviving chemotherapy, several cases of pneumonia, and other health complications, including learning how to walk again, he decided to channel his energy into helping others with the disease. He devoted two years to visiting cancer patients before determining that he should establish his own support organization, which he named the Community Cancer Support Group.

The group is a valuable resource consisting of a team of people who reach out to offer support, encouragement, and hope to cancer patients. The Community Cancer Support Group holds monthly meetings and brings in guest speakers that address the educational, psychological, spiritual, and medical needs of its members.

Mr. Strydio grew up in Bayonne and was an outstanding high school football and baseball player. At one time a catching prospect for the Brooklyn Dodgers, Mr. Strydio shifted his focus in 1970 to teaching Okinawa-style martial arts called Isshin Ryu. After more than 30 years, he is still teaching at St. Peter's College in Jersey City.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Strydio, a champion in many respects, for his courageous battle with cancer and his establishment of the Community Cancer Support Group.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN AMO HOUGHTON AND CONGRESSMAN JACK QUINN

SPEECH OF

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend two colleagues who will not be here when the next congressional session begins—Congressman AMO HOUGHTON and Congressman JACK QUINN. It has been a true honor to work with them. They will be greatly missed.

While we did not share the same political party, that fact never prevented us from working together to improve Upstate New York. These two men had very different back-

grounds: JACK QUINN was a union steelworker and teacher before entering politics; AMO HOUGHTON was head of Corning Glass Works. Yet, they are good friends who have represented the working families in their districts well and with grace.

In 2002, when a State redistricting plan proposed to match these two men against each other, I think their statements at the time reflect their character and friendship:

"In my heart, I don't want to knock out Jack Quinn," HOUGHTON said. "He's an extraordinary guy."

"I hope it is not against my good friend, Amo Houghton," QUINN said. "If it is, I'll just invite him to dinner, maybe take our wives, and talk about what is best for the people of western New York."

Through their committee posts, both moderate Members fought for the interests of New York State.

As the former chairman of a Fortune 500 company, AMO HOUGHTON understood how the Federal Government could play a role in sustaining and creating local businesses. As a senior member on the House Ways and Means Committee, Representative HOUGHTON partnered with me to help create and maintain the wool duty relief program, which is credited with stemming the loss of manufacturing jobs in the suit industry. Duty relief on imported wool suiting fabrics has proven critical to the survival of Hickey-Freeman, a high-end suit manufacturer that has long operated in Rochester.

I was privileged to work closely with Representative QUINN after the redistricting process in 2002 when we came to share the city of Buffalo. JACK went out of his way to introduce me to the area and its people. He is truly the "Big Man from Buffalo." As one example of his effort to improve the local economy, we cohosted a widely attended forum with local manufacturers to discuss what action the Federal Government must take to ensure that western New York and the rest of the United States will remain competitive in the manufacturing sector.

I will miss the partnership I enjoyed with both men, and their decency and respect for this institution. I have heard it said that legislation is the art of compromise, and both of these men understood that principle. We need more people with the ability to reach across the aisle.

I know that this is not the last we will hear from either of them. Both of them still have much to contribute to public discourse and Upstate New York.

I wish both of them the best of luck and continued success in their future endeavors.

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SPEECH OF

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 19, 2004

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to my distinguished colleague from the State of New York, Congressman AMO HOUGHTON. He is retiring after 18 years of esteemed public service as the Congressional Representative of the citizens of the 29th District of New York. Prior to his service in the U.S. Congress, Representative HOUGHTON was an established and well respected businessman. A former CEO of a Fortune 500 company, Mr. HOUGHTON was able to bring those skills to Washington to the benefit of the legislative process. His ability to work with both sides of the aisle made him an effective and powerful legislator. Known as a moderate Republican and fiscal conservative, Congressman HOUGHTON actively worked with a coalition of moderate Republicans to pursue meaningful budget reforms. Additionally, history will record Mr. HOUGHTON as one of the early leaders driving reform of the Alternative Minimum Tax. On behalf of the residents of the State of New York, I would like to thank Representative HOUGHTON for his exceptional service in the U.S. Congress. It has been a pleasure to serve with him, and his presence among the New York delegation will be sorely missed. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. HOUGHTON on a job well done, and wish him the very best in the years ahead.

REMOVE WELDON REFUSAL
CLAUSE FROM OMNIBUS SPENDING BILL

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, last month, the Republican majority pushed through Congress a \$388 billion omnibus spending bill that very few people had a chance to read.

The Weldon provision was slipped into this enormous bill which severely alters the state of reproductive healthcare in this country. It gags America's doctor's and it jeopardize's women's health.

Without education and without knowledge and information, women are being forced to make life-changing decisions about their reproductive health.

This is not only wrong, it's un-American. The Weldon provision is nothing but another attack on a woman's right to choose in an effort to dismantle Roe v. Wade. After all, why is it necessary?

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